

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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BUFFARD et al.

Confirmation No.: 2323

Application No.: 10/594,378

Examiner: Unknown

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Group Art Unit: 1714

For: COOKWARE EXHIBITING AN IMPROVED SCRATCH RESISTANCE

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT AND NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE

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Sir:

Applicant notes the following error in the official Filing Receipt mailed June 25, 2008:

The Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney document was submitted on January 29, 2007, which completes all the necessary formalities in the above application. The correct 371(c) Date should read:

"01/29/2007"

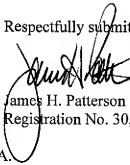
Enclosed is a photocopy of the filing receipt with the correction required marked in red, as well as a copy of the return stamped postcard. Applicant requests issuance of a corrected filing receipt.

Applicant notes the same error in the Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 mailed June 25, 2008:

On the Notice of Acceptance, "Date of Receipt of 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) Requirements" and "Date of Completion of All 35 U.S.C. 371 Requirements" should have a date of --01/29/2007--.

Attached is a photocopy of the Notice of Acceptance with the corrections required marked in red. Applicant requests issuance of a corrected Notice of Acceptance.

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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/FR2005/000775 03/30/2005

Foreign Applications

FRANCE 0403291 03/30/2004

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US 10/594,378**

Projected Publication Date: 10/02/2008

Non-Publication Request: No

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Title

Cookware Exhibiting an Improved Scratch Resistance

Preliminary Class

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## NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

~~01/29/2008~~ 01/29/2007  
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 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE. The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/26/2006
- English Translation of the IA filed on 09/26/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/26/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/26/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/26/2006
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- Submission of Documents (1 p.);
- Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371 - 3 pages;
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